

2020 DC HOPE Community Grant

Pre-Bidders Virtual Meeting – June 1, 2020

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

1. Question: What is the timeline for this grant?

Answer:

May 26, 2020: RFA Released

June 1, 2020: Pre-Bidders Virtual Meeting

June 9, 2020: Applications due by 5:00 PM EST

July 1, 2020: Grantees begin projects

December 15, 2020: Grantees conclude projects

2. Question: What are the funding areas that applicants to this grant should focus on?

Answer:

The 2020 DC HOPE Community Grants will provide a total of \$10 million in funding to support programs that address the District's public health emergency priorities as it relates to coronavirus (COVID-19) in the following areas:

Increasing buy-in and participation in the District's Contact Trace Force,

Purchase and distribution of personal protection equipment,

Social distancing protective measures,

Public health awareness, and/or

Connecting residents to testing sites and health care providers.

3. Question: What is the definition of a healthcare provider as it relates to this grant?

Answer:

Healthcare providers are identified as those who provide direct health care services e.g. Hospitals, Urgent Cares, and/or Clinics.

4. Question: Do we need to have a partnership with a healthcare provider?

Answer:

Yes, all applicants must have a partnership with a healthcare provider.

5. Question: How do we demonstrate our partnerships with healthcare providers?

Answer:

Organizations demonstrate their partnerships with a healthcare provider with a letter of intent.

6. Question: We are a healthcare provider, can we apply? Are healthcare providers allowed to partner with more than one organization?

Answer:

Applications for this grant have to be submitted by a District based non-profit with 501(c)(3). Healthcare providers can partner with more than one organization.

7. Question: Does our program have to serve DC residents only?

Answer:

Yes, the program has to serve only residents of the District of Columbia.

8. Question: Are non-profits required to have a Basic Business License?

Answer:

Yes, the non-profit is required to have a basic business license.

9. Question: How recent should our organization's Certificate of Clean Hands Certification be?

Answer:

The organization's certification of clean hands should be within 30 days of the application submission.

10. Question: Where can I obtain my organization's Tax/Business certification and Certificate of Clean Hands?

Answer:

All District based non-profit organizations must have a tax/business certification from the [Office Tax & Revenue](#).

11. Question: Are schools eligible if they are connecting families to resources/testing, providing PPE, etc.?

Answer:

If the applicant is a District based non-profit with 501(c)(3).

12. Question: Are applicants required to provide audited financial statements?

Answer:

Applicants are required to provide Audited financial statements and/or most recent 990 and/or cash flow statements for 2018 and year-to-date.

13. Question: Are all staff required to participate in the contract tracing training?

Answer:

An organization's staff that are assigned to this grant application are required to complete the [COVID-19 Contact Tracing](#) training online through Johns Hopkins University.

14. Question: What is the Community Social Distancing Engagement & Public Health Awareness Outreach Plan?

Answer:

The Community Social Distancing Engagement & Public Health Awareness Outreach Plan is your work plan. You will show us how you plan to use the funds with your engagement and outreach activities.

15. Question: Will this grant pay for staff who are conducting public health awareness such as Case Workers and Social Workers?

Answer:

Yes.

16. Question: If we wanted to make and/or purchase facemasks, could we use this grant for this purpose?

Answer:

Yes.

17. Question: Do I have to purchase my PPE supplies in DC?

Answer:

No.

18. Question: What expenses are not permissible under this grant?

Answer:

Program funds cannot be used for:

- For food expenditures,
- For lobbying,
- To cover any expenses made prior to the grant award, and/ or
- To supplant (replace) funds for other grant sources.

19. Question: For public health outreach, does DC Health or DMPED have materials with evidence-based approaches that can be used in order to conduct effective outreach?

Answer:

All information that will be needed for public health awareness outreach can be assessed on cornovirus.dc.gov.

20. Question: What is the allowable limit for indirect costs?

Answer:

15%.

21. Question: Is there a match requirement?

Answer:

No.

22. Questions: Are mental health professionals also included as health care providers?

Answer:

No.

